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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ICRC, CG  
SUBJECT: RED CROSS (ICRC) APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY US AIR LIFT  
TO ZAIRE

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED URGENT REQUEST FROM INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) HEADQUARTERS HERE FOR  
US ASSISTANCE IN AIR LIFTING NEEDED MEDICINES AND SUPPLIES  
FOR ITS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN KOLWEZI (ZAIRE) REGION.  
ICRC CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ASSISTING POPULATION AFFECTED BY  
RECENT FIGHTING AND UNREST IN SHABA PROVINCE. EFFORT BEING  
HEADED BY ICRC DELEGATE FREDERICK STEINEMANN, BASED IN  
LUBUMBASHI, BUT CONDUCTING OPERATION FROM KOLWEZI.

2. REQUIREMENT IS FOR LIFT OF UP TO 40 TONS OF MEDICINES  
AND SUPPLIES WHICH CANNOT BE PROCURED LOCALLY IN ZAIRE,  
FROM GENEVA TO EITHER KOLWEZI (PREFERABLY) OR TO  
LUBUMBASKI IF CONDITIONS DO NOT PERMIT DELIVERY IN KOLWEZI.  
ICRC HAS INDICATED THAT WHILE THEY COULD USE MAXIMUM OF 40  
TON LIFT, THEY WILL TAILOR LOAD TO FIT ANY CAPACITY  
DESIGNATED UP TO THAT AMOUNT, BASED ON PRIORITY NEEDS.  
40 TON LOAD COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS: MILK POWDER 27 TONS;  
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MEDICAMENTS 3 TONS; BLANKETS 9 TONS; CLOTHING 1 TON.

3. ICRC STATES IT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 12 HOURS ADVANCE  
NOTICE PRIOR TO PICKUP OF LOAD AT GENEVA (COINTRIN) AIR-  
PORT. IT CAN PREPARE LOAD IN SHORTER TIME, BUT WOULD NEED  
MINIMUM OF 8 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE.

4. CONTACT WITH ICRC GENEVA CAN BE THROUGH US MISSION.  
STEINEMANN'S PERMANENT ADDRESS IN LUBUMBASHI IS PARK HOTEL,  
TELEX 311, TELEPHONE 3219.

5. APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE WHETHER ICRC REQUEST CAN BE  
ACCOMMODATED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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